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Applications for assignment of lands.

* 177 *Q.*—SRI P. NARASIMHA REDDI: Will be Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the reasons why 1st July 1952 has been fixed as the last date for receipt of applications for assignment of lands (pattas) from the landless poor, in G.O. No. 2600, Revenue, dated 4th October 1951; and

(*b*) whether it is a fact that as nearly as 2,000 applications for assignment of land are time-barred in Cuddapah district alone?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER:—" (*a*) In order to complete the work of granting land to ex-servicemen and landless poor persons as early as possible, the Government fixed the last day for the receipt of applications as 1st July 1952, which is the first day of the fasli year next to that in which the orders were issued. Under the revised priority scheme, there is, however, no time limit for the receipt of applications from landless poor persons.

" (*b*) The Government have no information."

Subsistence allowance to Burma evacuees.

* 178 *Q.*—SRI M. K. PADMAPRABHA GOUNDER: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that State officials in Malabar are compelling dependants in India of Indian Nationals in Burma to repay what the Government of India had given them as subsistence allowance when war broke out in South-East Asia and during the war;

(*b*) if so, why the present demand is being made; and

(*c*) the conditions under which the original allowance was given?

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI:—"(*a*), (*b*) & (*c*) During the last war, the Government of India started a scheme of financial assistance to help the evacuees from Burma, Malaya, etc., and the dependants in India of Indians stranded overseas, in order to enable them to get themselves absorbed in the economic life of this country. The assistance given under the scheme was in the shape of repayable loans against written undertakings to repay. Presumably the hon. Member refers to this repayable advance in his question. No subsistence allowance was granted to the evacuees. As the advances are repayable, recovery is now being effected in all districts from all those who took repayable advances in accordance with the instructions of the Government of India. To obviate hardship, the financial position of each grantee is fully considered before any recovery is ordered. In cases where the chances of recovery are remote, the amounts are written off."

* 179 *Q.*—Postponed for answer on 27th November 1952.